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I think Microsoft should be broken in to three different companies.

- 1) Operating Software only.
- 2) Internet browser and Internet services.
- 3) Application software's only.

The reason why it should be broken in to three different companies is that it uses its operating software platform to destroy the competitors. For example, Windows, at first, distributed its Internet Explorer browser for free. Then they bundled it with Windows '95 and onwards killing Netscape's business.

Lotus was the first in the market to come with the new concept of Spread Sheet and Wordperfect; but they were systematically killed using the same operating software platform.

Now Microsoft's next target is to destroy Utility softwares like Photo Suites and CD burning software's by incorporating its version of these softwares into Windows XP. On top of this, Windows XP will constantly give conflict messages stating that either Windows or the competetors product will not work properly. These messages are not only irritating but can be threatenign for those who are not computer experts; eventually forcing them to convert to Microsoft products.

Bill Gates claims that he and his company have come out wiht many new and better products. Of these new products, how many are truely his (his company's) ideas? Ever since he has entered the computer industry, he has always "borrowed" ideas from others.

- 1) He sold off the shelf QDOS (Quick and Dirty Operating System) He never developed it.
- 2) He stole the idea of using GUI and Windows icons from Apple computers. He never developed it.
- 3) Re-wrote Spread-Sheet as Excel and Wordperfect as Word, stealing ideas from Lotus. Never developed it.
- 4) Re-wrote Netscape's Internet Browser as Internet Explorer. Never developed it.
- 5) Photo Suite, Internet security, CD burning software, disk cleaning etc. were sepereate softwares, which are now incorporated into Windoes XP; none of which were his creations.

Bill Gates has not created any of these but as stolen them. This was ought right theft, done in a legal manner. Even after practically monopolizing utility softwares, productivity softwares and opperating softwares, Bill Gates is out to control the

Internet Service area as well. By providing internet services like MSN and Hot mail, he will be able to do this.

Microsoft should be split into three different areas instead of only two or nothing at all because all three areas are keys in monopolizing the business; therefore, they must be kept separate to avoid for a monopoly like Microsoft. Not only has Bill Gates taken over PC relating businesses but he has already started capturing Video-Games as well (Xbox). Microsoft must be split before its monopoly gets out of hand.